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Prior Application: K. YASUDA et al
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Group Art Unit: 1655
Examiner: B. Forman
For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEPARATION METHOD
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICIATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

a1 The above-referenced patent application is a continuation
application of U.S. Serial No. 09/790,872, filed February 23,
2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial
No. 09/666,883, filed on September 20, 2000, which is a
continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/522,465, filed on March 9,
2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,218,126), which is a continuation
of Serial No. 09/329,318 filed on June 10, 1999 (now U.S.
Patent No. 6,093,370), from which priority is claimed under 35
U.S.C. § 120. This application is related to U.S. Serial No.